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SUBJECT: BOMBING OF PERUVIAN CONSULATE IN PUERTO RICO

REF: A. STATE 52601 B. LIMA 2108

1. DEPT HAS NO OBJECTION IF EMBASSY WISHES TO DEFER DELIVERY OF NOTE (REF A) FOR TIME BEING BECAUSE DELIVERY MIGHT PREJUDICE EMBASSY EFFORTS TO OBTAIN COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGE DURING FEBRUARY 5 DISTURBANCES. HOWEVER, WE SEE NO BASIS FOR CHANGING OUR POSITION REGARDING INCIDENT IN PUERTO RICO.

2. THE TWO SITUATIONS ARE OBVIOUSLY QUITE DIFFERENT. IN THE PUERTO RICAN CASE, AS THE NOTE INDICATES, THERE WAS NO REASON TO ASSUME THAT THERE MIGHT BE A PROBLEM WITH RESPECT TO THE PUERTO RICAN CONSULATE, AND ONCE THE ACTION TOOK PLACE, THE POLICE AUTHORITIES TOOK THE NECESSARY STEPS TO SEE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO REPEAT OF IT AND TO SEEK TO APPREHEND THE PERPETRATORS. IN THE CASE OF PERU WE ARE PRESUMABLY OBJECTING TO INADEQUATE POLICE PROTECTION AND
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THE OBVIOUS FAILURE, EVEN AFTER THE DEMONSTRATIONS BEGAN,

OF THE GOP TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PROTECTION. IN THIS CASE
IT SEEMS OBVIOUS TO US THAT THE GOP DID NOT MEET ITS INTER-
NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND THUS IS LIABLE FOR THE
DAMAGES TO EMBASSY AND PEACE CORPS PROPERTY. INGERSOLL

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